

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): ~~Transverse element for a~~ A push belt for a continuously variable transmission[[,] comprising at least one transverse element, the at least one transverse element comprising:

a supporting surface for supporting a carrier of the push belt;

a pulley sheave contact surface which is destined to abut against a contact surface of a pulley sheave of a pulley of the continuously variable transmission; and

a transition edge region which is connected to the supporting surface on the one hand a first side, and which is connected to the pulley sheave contact surface on the other hand a second side, and which comprises a concave portion, in a plane perpendicular to a circumferential direction of the push belt.

2. (currently amended): ~~Transverse element~~ The push belt according to claim 1, wherein the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element comprises a distance surface, which is connected to the pulley sheave contact surface of the at least one transverse element on the one hand a first side, through a convex rounded off surface, and which is connected to the concave portion of the transition edge region on the other hand a second side.

3. (currently amended): ~~Transverse element~~ The push belt according to claim 2, wherein the distance surface of the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element is substantially **completely** flat, and wherein the distance surface **preferably** extends substantially parallel to the supporting surface of the at least one transverse element.

4. (currently amended): ~~Transverse element~~ The push belt according to claim 2, wherein a height difference between the supporting surface of the at least one transverse element and the distance surface of the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element measures at least 0.2 mm.

5. (currently amended): ~~Transverse element~~ The push belt according to claim 2,

wherein a dimension of the distance surface of the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element in ~~the a~~ horizontal transverse direction is at least 0.2 mm.

6. (currently amended): ~~Transverse element~~ The push belt according to claim 1, wherein the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element comprises a convexly curved transition surface, which is connected to the supporting surface of the at least one transverse element on ~~the one hand a first side~~, and which is connected to the concave portion of the transition edge region on ~~the other hand a second side~~.

7. (currently amended): ~~Transverse element~~ The push belt according to claim 2, wherein the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element comprises a convexly curved transition surface, which is connected to the supporting surface of the at least one transverse element on ~~the one hand a first side~~, and which is connected to the concave portion of the at least one transverse element on ~~the other hand a second side~~.

8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended): Continuously variable transmission, comprising a push belt according to claim [[8]] 1.

10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended): Continuously variable transmission, comprising a push belt according to claim [[10]] 2.